



## The Lincoln School

# Lincletter

Wednesday

February 25, 2009

### CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Welcome back from the winter break. It's a bit too early to announce the arrival of spring, but I'm happy to see some green peeking out from underneath the snow banks! We are happy to announce that Wilson Farms has generously agreed to sponsor a fundraiser for Winchester Public Schools. On Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Wilson Farms will donate 20% of purchases made to Winchester Public Schools. It is necessary to bring the attached flyer and present it at the time of purchase. Attached is also a listing of all of the summer enrichment programs that will be offered in Winchester this summer by staff of the public schools. Many have limited space so it's time to start filling that summer calendar! Thank you to Jeri Katz for coming to our last LSPA meeting and answering all of our questions on how to help our children become better readers. Jeri is one of the reading specialists at Lincoln and shared her wealth of insight as to how our children learn and how the curriculum guides them along.

—Jenny Splaine and Linda McDonough

### CALENDAR

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Early Release 11:30am AND

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Skating Party

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Wilson Farms Fundraiser

**Wed-Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>**

Early Release 11:30 for Parent/Teacher Conferences



### \$899.00 EARNED SO FAR FROM BOX TOPS CONTEST

Great job to all Lincoln students for clipping Box Tops! As of February, we have earned \$899 towards our \$1,500 goal. **Congrats to Mrs. Flaherty's friends for holding the lead....but lots of classrooms continue to close the gap!** Don't stop now! The classroom with the most Box Tops collected as of May 30<sup>th</sup> receives a special reward at the end of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support of the program.

### Lead Box Top collectors as of Feb 2009:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	C. Flaherty	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	931
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	A. Hunt	Kindergarten	728
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	M. Barford	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	671
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	J. Linehan	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	642
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	J. McElaney	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	513
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	T. Wallace	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	504
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	E. Adams	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	501
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	T. Fitch	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	421
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	C. Wolfe	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	420

### 5TH GRADE YEARBOOK—DIG OUT THE ALBUMS AND CAMERAS!

We want to make this year's yearbook special for your child. Here are some things to remember:

- Submit your child's school photo from **KINDERGARTEN**. Include child's and teacher's name (and school, if other than Lincoln) **DUE: MARCH 2nd**
- Start snapping! - Submit pictures (past / present) of your 5<sup>th</sup> grader and his/her Lincoln School (Class of '09) peers. **GREAT RECENT PHOTO OPPS** include: Winter Concert, Pancake Breakfast & Skating Party

### Instructions for Submitting Photos:

1. Include names & event info if possible
2. Include self-addressed stamped envelope for returns
3. **Electronic files to:** Beth Maher or Genny Soper at [pblmaher@comcast.net](mailto:pblmaher@comcast.net) or [gsoper@verizon.net](mailto:gsoper@verizon.net)
4. **Hard copies to:** Michelle Antonevich, 34 Leslie Road

### ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

On Feb 12<sup>th</sup> the third graders were visited for the third and final time by Michael Bergen of Top Secret Science. This visit concentrated on electricity. The children made their own flashlights and were part of a living electrical circuit by joining hands to feel how electricity travels.

On the first visit the children explored magnets and made a temporary magnet. The second session was about sound. The children made "instant thunder" and created a rooster crowing machine out of a cup, dental floss and a tiny sponge. They also

got to try out a rocket balloon.

### POLAR PROJECT: "ECOTHON"

For this year's Growing Up and Reaching Out project, Lincoln School's Fifth Grade is sponsoring a Family "Eco-Thon" to raise environmental awareness and reduce the Lincoln community's carbon footprint. By helping their families "go green," Lincoln's kids can also earn money to help endangered polar bears. See the attached flier and checklist for details. The Eco-Thon starts now and will continue through the middle of March. Donations can be dropped off in the Eco-Thon box in the Lincoln School lobby or with your child's teacher. For further information, contact co-chairs Katherine Waters-Clark at [waterswriting@comcast.net](mailto:waterswriting@comcast.net) or Jamie Spencer at [jamiespen@comcast.net](mailto:jamiespen@comcast.net).

### SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC NEWS:

#### The State of Winchester's Special Ed

Join us on **Thursday, Feb 26, 7-9 pm at the McCall Middle School Library** for this annual program with Winchester's Superintendent Bill McAlduff and Director of Pupil Services Linda Stapp who will talk about what is new with special education in Winchester. Opportunity for Q&A will follow. Contact [winspedpac@verizon.net](mailto:winspedpac@verizon.net).

**PAC Coffee:** Please join us for a general coffee at the home of Janet Boswell. Friday, February 27, 9:30-11:30am at 7 Summit Avenue (off of Mt. Pleasant). Near the top of the cul de sac, green house with purple doors.

**Check our website for new events:**  
<http://www.winchesterspedpac.org/calendar.html>

### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS!

Shop at Wilson Farm in Lexington on March 4<sup>th</sup>! Wilson Farm will donate 20% of your purchase to the Winchester Public Schools. You must bring the attached flyer.

## FRIENDS OF MUSIC MEETING

Friends of Music will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00pm in Room A205 in the Social Studies Dept. (note room change). We will discuss our spring fundraisers as well as the remaining music department events for this year. If you have any questions, please contact Melodie Wing at [Szabo-wing@comcast.net](mailto:Szabo-wing@comcast.net).

## MADRIGAL FEST

Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, Town Hall. Winchester High School Chamber Singers host the Third Annual Madrigal Fest, featuring WHS Octets, and Lexington, Belmont and other high school A Capella Groups. Tickets at the door: Adults \$10; Children, Students, and Seniors \$5.

## WINCHESTER COOPERATIVE THEATER PRESENTS CINDERELLA!

Come relive the enchantment of the Cinderella story with Winchester Co-op Theatre. This classic fairytale comes to life with singing, dancing and a good dose of humor from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade actors.

Friday March 20 @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday March 21 @ 1:00 p.m.

Sunday March 22 @ 1:00 p.m.

Friday March 27 @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday March 28 @ 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.

Sunday March 29 @ 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.

McCall Middle School, 458 Main St. Call 781-721-PLAY for tickets (\$15 each); recommended for ages 3 and up. You may also purchase tickets directly from the actors in Cinderella who attend Lincoln! Feel free to contact the parents of any of the following children to buy tickets: Amanda Frate, Spencer Leuba, Lexie Masiello, Sarah McDonough, Elizabeth Murray, Carolyn Pine, and Brendan Pulsifer.

## SPRING INTO SCIENCE!

### NEW Topics for the Cool Science Club

Registration is now open for the spring session of the wildly popular Cool Science Club—an after-school program that provides fun, hands-on, experiment-driven projects in science. A Club Scientist will lead an exploration of a single topic for 10-15 students in a grade-grouping and will be assisted by a Young Scientist (from grades 8-12). This 5-week session includes MANY fun and NEW science topics. See the attached flyer for details. The Club starts on Monday, March 16, and will be held on each Monday through April 13 from 3:30-5:00pm at McCall Middle School. \*LEGO is a 4-week program beginning one week later on Mon, March 23. Slots for the Club will be on a first-come, first-served basis! **Get your registration form TODAY:**

[paulagiancola@comcast.net](mailto:paulagiancola@comcast.net). The fee per Club participant is \$95 (except for LEGO\*, which is \$80). Scholarships are available. Lanie Higgins, the Science Coordinator at the McCall Middle School, is the Cool Science Club Director (781-729-7157, [Lhiggins@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:Lhiggins@winchester.k12.ma.us)).

## 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WINCHESTER MARCH MADNESS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

See tomorrow's high school stars play today! Winchester middle school boys and girls travel teams take on neighboring towns at McCall, Lynch and WHS sites beginning Wednesday night, February 25<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday afternoon, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Come out and catch some exciting basketball—you won't be disappointed! For full schedule details, call Mark Romagna at 781-771-4968 or go to [www.winchestermarchmadness.com](http://www.winchestermarchmadness.com).

## SACHEM YOUTH SPRING 2009 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SIGNUPS

The snow is melting and the Red Sox are reporting to spring training in Florida. Baseball & softball season is not far away! Registration is now open for baseball (ages 6 – 15) and softball (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) for the 2009 spring season. Registrations **must be completed by March 15, 2009** in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. Please visit the SYBS website ([www.sybs.org](http://www.sybs.org)) and click on *Registration*. The entire process takes only a few minutes. Players who register after March 15, 2009 will be assigned to a team on a space available basis.

## 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE AND MIDDLE SCHOOL HOCKEY PLAYERS

Middle School Coach Mike Messuri is hosting a Hockey Meeting for inbound 5th graders and returning middle school players on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in the Winchester Library Meeting Room. For more info: [wolfpackhockey@verizon.net](mailto:wolfpackhockey@verizon.net).

## WINCHESTER SCHOOLS SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS – NEW!

Winchester is piloting a new set of programs this summer! Winchester teachers submitted course proposals in subject areas they are passionate about. Their ideas are creative and inspiring. We hope that many children will share their interest and sign up this summer. A course catalog is attached, and a copy is available on the LSPA table across from the Lincoln library. Contact Nancy Clark at [nclark@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:nclark@winchester.k12.ma.us) or 781/721-7001 with questions about registration, availability, and administration.

## PARENTING BOOK GROUP

Parent to Parent and the Winchester Public Library's book group series continues. Come join us again, or for the first time, on Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library's meeting room for a discussion of the book *So Sexy So Soon: The New Sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can Do to Protect Their Kids*, by Diane E. Levin & Jean Kilbourne. As noted by Harvard Medical School Professor Alvin Poussaint, "Every parent should read this eye-opening book. It is a rallying cry to take a stand against the commercial sexualization of children." We do not expect that all in attendance will have finished the book; our goal is to offer an opportunity to informally discuss the parenting issues that are raised. Books are available at the Circulation Desk. Books are also available at BookEnds with a 20% discount if you mention the book group. [www.parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://www.parenttoparentwinchester.org).

## WINCHESTER FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL GALA

The Frattaroli Family in honor and memory of their beloved son and brother Mark Frattaroli are hosting the Winchester Field Development Council's Kick Off Gala on March 8, 2009 at 6:30pm at Ristorante Lucia, located at 13 Mt. Vernon Street. The event will include an exquisite Italian meal and wine, personally selected by Mr. Frattaroli with special focus toward a variety of Abruzzi specialties. The Gala will feature a live auction, highlighted by a week long stay at the Frattaroli's private villa in Sulmona, Italy. Also up for auction will be a 2009 New England Patriot Fan Experience Package and a Boston Bruins Fan Experience Package. Tickets to this event are \$25.00 per person and may be purchased on the Winchester Field Development website at [www.WFDC.net](http://www.WFDC.net) or by contacting Ann McCarthy at 781-721-6660. Tickets are limited. All proceeds from this event will go toward the renovation project at Manchester Field.

## LINCLETTER DEADLINES/TYPISTS

Please submit news for the Lincletter, by email, to the typist listed for each deadline by Friday at 2:30 pm. News can also be dropped off in our office mailbox.

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Maura Christopher		781-721-5832
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